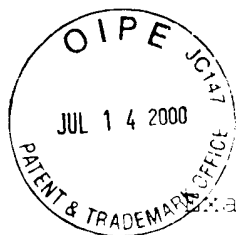


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PETITION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a)  
FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), applicants hereby petition for a three-month extension of time to respond to the Examiner's Action dated January 10, 2000. With the extension, a response is due on or before July 10, 2000. A check in the amount of \$870.00, in payment of the fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a)(3), is enclosed herewith.

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